(d) what is the number of microfilms reading machines which are available there and whether all of them are in working order; and

(e) whether Government propose to appoint a committee on the functioning of the National Archives of India, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) It is not a fact that research scholars are dissatisfied with the facilities available in the National Archives of India. However, seven written complaints were received in this regard during the last three years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Four microfilm readers are available and all of them are in working order.

(e) No, Sir, as there is no need for appointing such a Committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gopalsamy.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Sir, I am not in a position to put supplementaries on the same ground.

*332. [*The questioner (Shri Syed Ahmed Hashmi) was absent. For answer* vide *col.* 36-37 infra]

Interchangeable Rakes

*333. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:†

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding reduction in the 'terminal lie-over' period of coaches by making the train rakes inter-changeable and by reducing their varieties;

(b) how many varieties of train rakes each zone had in 1977-78, 1982-83 and at present; and

(c) what is the target set for the year 1985-86 to minimise infructuous detention of coaches at terminals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railway have different types of rakes ranging from short branch line rakes of two coaches to 21 coach rakes hauled by two diesel engines and the total number of such rakes keeps on changing normally every 6 months with change of Time Table.

(c) Reducing detention of coaches at terminals to the minimum is the objective given to the Railways though no specific target has been set for each terminal and each rake for the year 1985-86 as trains have to leave at a time most suitable to the passengers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Madhavrao Scindia.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: I am afraid, we are going at a superfast speed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We want the trains to be as fast as we are going.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: I wish, at the superfast speed I did not end up with an accident.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Replacement of Steam Engines with Electric or Diesel Engines

*334. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Shanker Sinh Vaghela.

(a) whether the Railways propose to replace all the steam engines with electric or diesel engines;

(b) whether the Railways have decided to use indigenously manufactured electric locomotives of 6000 H.P. to accelerate the movement of goods trains;

(c) whether the electrification on congested track has proved cheaper and also has increased the speed of goods trains; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The cost of haulage of goods traffic by electric traction is about one-eighth of that of steam traction on B. G. and one-sixth on M. G. The average speed of goods trains on Indian Railways has increased from 16.1 kmph in 1960-61 to 21.9 kmph in 1983-84

इंडियन रेलवे कंस्ट्रक्शन कंपनी द्वारा अर्जित लाभ

*327. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव:** क्या परिवहन मंत्री 20 नवम्बर, 1985 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 60 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इंडियन रेलवे कंस्ट्रक्शन कम्पनी द्वारा अर्जित किए गये लाभ और कामगारों और कामगारों को अदा किए गये बोनस की राशि का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि दौरों पर खर्च की गई राशि के संबंध में आपत्ति की गई थी और लेखा परीक्षा तथा विभागकीय जांच में अनियमितताओं का पता चला था; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या हैं जिनके विरुद्ध इस संबंध में कार्रवाई की गई है ।

रेल विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिन्धिया) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अर्जित लाभ और पात्र कर्मचारियों को भुगतान किया गया बोनस इस प्रकार है :—

(आंकड़े लाख रुपयों में)

	1982-83	83-84	84-85
कर से पूर्व लाभ	815.8	1545	2055
कर के बाद लाभ	815.8	1275	1818
प्रदत्त बोनस	11.79	14.64	11.99

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Berlin symposium attended by Doctors of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

*332. SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the doctors of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi who attended a symposium held at Berlin in October, 1985;

(b) what are the names of the doctors who were provided free lodging, boarding etc. by a drug company M|s. Bohernigr knoll;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some doctors were not allowed to avail of this facility;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and